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BKPM Submits COVID-19 Donation from LG to the Task Force

Jakarta, 6 April 2020 - The Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) has received a donation aid against the COVID-19 outbreak from LG Group for the Indonesian government. A total of 50,000 PCR (polymerase chain reaction) diagnostic test kits have arrived in Indonesia yesterday (5/4) directly from South Korea. This afternoon, the BKPM Chairman Bahlil Lahadalia symbolically handed-over the donation to Minister of State-Owned Enterprises (BUMN) Erick Thohir and the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) represented by BNPB Chief Inspector Tetty Saragih at the BKPM Office.

This donation is certainly welcomed by the Ministry of BUMN and BNPB. Erick Thohir said that currently BUMN has a total of 65 hospitals, of which 35 hospitals are devoted to the current COVID-19. The two institutions together as part of the Government’s COVID-19 Task Force, will continue to coordinate. "I thank LG for the help and BKPM for their support. Hopefully the good relationship between Indonesia and South Korea will become stronger. We are very grateful," said Erick.

The donation of 50,000 PCR diagnostic test kits will be distributed with the following allocations: 20,000 pieces for BNPB, 20,000 pieces for hospitals managed by SOEs, 5,000 pieces for the Governor of West Java, and another 5,000 pieces to be distributed to the communities around the LG factory. "This is an early stage of assistance, other South Korean investors will also provide assistance in the near future. We are working with Customs office, to waive the tax on the import of medical devices. We will not make it difficult!" said Bahlil.

The BKPM Chairman reaffirmed that this aid was not the last. There will be assistance from other foreign investors. "We just started communicating aid from abroad. Related to the scarcity of raw materials for making Personal Protective Equipment (PPE/APD), I ask for help from the SOE Ministry to pick up good raw materials from South Korea and China for paramedics," said Bahlil.

BNPB Principal Inspector Tetty Saragih said that the storage of 50,000 PCR diagnostic test kits requires a special room, hence they will be placed in the storage area of the Food and Drug Supervisory Agency (BPOM). "We leave it to BKPM for the distribution arrangements. We will report it to the Task Force. The management will be better if carried through one door only, we must record it accountably and understand the map. Which area is fulfilled already, which area is still lacking. Then we leave it to BKPM, we are ready to accept and will prepare the administration," said Tetty.

LG, represented by Lee Chang Hyun, President Director of LG International, conveyed that Indonesia is South Korea’s main focus in providing assistance to handle the COVID-19 outbreak. LG expressed their sympathy with the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak in Indonesia, as the pandemic also happens in their country. "As a company operating in Indonesia, LG has an obligation to help Indonesia in dealing with this outbreak. We thank the government for helping us with the donation..."
process so that it is received properly in Indonesia. Hopefully this test kit can help Indonesia. Do your best Indonesia!” said Lee.

The symbolic handover via online broadcasting was also attended by the Director General of the Asia Pacific and Africa, Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Desra Percaya, Secretary of the Directorate General of Customs and Excise Mr. Robi Toni, as well as LG as the donor. The diagnostic kits were provided by LG Electronics, LG Innotek, LG Chem and LG International.

So far, the Government of Indonesia and South Korea have fostered good cooperation. Based on BKPM data, in 2019 South Korea is the 7th largest investor with investment reach USD 1.07 billion.(

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